

## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

**AT A MEETING** of the **FACILITIES AND PLOTHOLDERS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 19 September 2017 at 7.30 pm there were present:

The Mayor Councillor Christina Whitty – ex officio

Councillor David Ambler Vice Chair - in the Chair

Councillors - Sally Hawken, Sue Pike, Jane Pascoe, Roger Holmes & Susan Shand

Facilities Manager - Tony Misson

Members of the Public – J Bryne, J Ede, D Turner, J Ransley, P Mole & D Dennison

The Chairman advised those present of Housekeeping matters

### **277/17 APOLOGIES**

Councillors Ian Goldsworthy, Tony Powell and Naomi Taylor

### **278/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BOTH REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTRATABLE**

Councillor Ambler declared an interest in agenda item 9 regarding a proposed footpath at Eastern Avenue.

### **279/17 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2017**

Councillor Whitty proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 July 2017.

### **280/17 PRESENTATION OF PENGOVER ALLOTMENTS PRIZE WINNERS CUPS 2017**

The Mayor, Councillor Christina Whitty, was pleased to present the cup for 'Best Kept Plot' to Derek Turner of plot M2 and for 'Best Raised Beds' to John Ede of plot A4. The committee congratulated the winners.

Councillor Ambler asked for feedback from the plotholders on any issues during the summer season. It was stated that the weather had made it a difficult time and in particular keeping on top of weeds and pests. There was concern over one or two plots not being well tended, which were noted by the Facilities Manager. Suggestions that a system of starter / trial plots were put forward and the Facilities Manager would liaise with the Association to develop the idea. The forthcoming St. Matthews fair was discussed and it was hoped that representatives from the Allotments Association would attend with a display of produce and engage with the public to promote allotment gardening as part of the Town Council's stand on the Parade. In addition the Allotments Association were hoping to attend next year's Liskeard Show.

## **281/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Judy Ransley thanked the Seagull Working Group for their comprehensive report and made several helpful and constructive suggestions regarding the fight against nuisance seagulls, including the possibility of issuing free seagull proof sacks in areas identified as 'hot spots'. It was also noted that, whilst the town centre was well provided with litter bins, many of the housing estates and streets were not, and this was contributing to street litter.

## **282/17 SEAGULL WORKING GROUP – TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND UPDATE**

Councillor David Ambler had already presented and discussed his report on the initial investigations and actions as part of the public participation session, to better inform the discussion. The Seagull Working Group would continue to examine and evaluate the many control options and would focus on reduction of food sources along with information and education. Councillor Pascoe suggested that developers of new homes could be encouraged to provide seagull proof sacks as part of their 'welcome' pack to new home owners / tenants. Councillor Shand noted that there was still an issue with some trade waste being put out for the domestic collection. Councillor Hawken encouraged everyone present to feed in the need for more street litter bins and other waste collection issues, to inform the on-going Cornwall Council waste management contract discussions.

## **283/17 FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT**

The Facilities Manager gave a verbal update on the items from the 18<sup>th</sup> July Facilities Committee meeting and on the contents of his report to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, which was noted by the Committee.

## **284/17 BUDGET REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2017**

Noted.

## **285/17 TO APPROVE THE FINAL DETAILS OF THE TOWN COUNCILS GRASS CUTTING TENDER DOCUMENT**

Councillor Hawken proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the final draft of the three year Grass cutting and hedge trimming contract tender document.

**286/17      PART II - PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

Councillor Whitty proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that;

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the Confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business.

**PUBLIC HALL COMPLEX HIRE CHARGES**

**UPDATE ON THE STORAGE PROVISIONS FOR THE TOWNS REGALIA AND SILVERWARE**

**287/17      PART II - PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that;

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 members of the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the measures regarding the towns regalia and silverware storage be proceeded with as a matter of urgency. That the item on the Public Hall Complex hire charges be returned for further consultation. The Committee also expressed their thanks to the Facilities Manager and Facilities Administrator for all the work which had gone into preparing this proposal.

**288/17      Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to report.

**289/17      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Facilities Committee meeting was to be 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 7.30 PM in the Council Chamber.